

METHOD OF BECOMING PIOUS

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اِ	A/a	ز	Z/z	م	M/m
ب	B/b	ژ	X/x	ن	N/n
پ	P/p	س	S/s	و	V/v, W/w
ت	T/t	ش	Sh/sh		
ٹ	Ṭ/ṭ	ص	Ṣ/ṣ	ه / و / ة	Ĥ/ĥ
ث	Ṣ/ṣ	ض	Ḍ/ḍ	ی	Y/y
ج	J/j	ط	Ṭ/ṭ	ے	Y/y
چ	Ch	ظ	Z/z	اَ	A/a
ح	H/h	ع	اَ	اُ	U/u
خ	Kh/kh	غ	Gh/gh	اِ	I/i
د	D/d	ف	F/f	وِ	Ū/ū
ڈ	Ḍ/ḍ	ق	Q/q	یِ	Ī/ī
ذ	Ẓ/ẓ	ک	K/k	اِ	Ā/ā

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ط وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ ط
أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ ط بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ط

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Regardless of how lazy Satan makes you feel, read this booklet in its entirety. إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ you will learn a lot.

Excellence of Durūd Sharīf

A Person once saw a scary creature in his dreams. Frightened, he asked ‘Who are you?’ The creature replied, ‘I am your bad deeds’. He asked, ‘How can I get rid of you?’ The creature replied, ‘By reciting Durūd Sharīf in abundance.’ (*Al-Qaūl-ul Badī*, P113, Dār-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah, Beirut)

صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Dear Islamic Brothers! From this we learn that reciting Durūd Sharīf is also a Method of becoming pious. Oh! How I desire that whilst standing, sitting walking and at every moment of lives we continue to recite Durūd Sharīf.

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تربت میں ہوگی دید رسول انام ﷺ کی
عادت بنارہا ہوں درود و سلام کی

*As in the tomb will be the vision of the Prophet ﷺ
I am making the recitation of Durūd-o-Salām a habit*

The Gigantic Snake

Sayyidunā Mālik bin Dīnār رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ was once asked about the reason for his repentance. He replied, ‘I was an officer in the police force. I was a habitual sinner and drank alcohol. I had one daughter who I loved very much. She passed away at the age of two. I became lost in grief. That year when the 15th of Sha’ban (Shab-e-Barā’at) arrived, I did not even read recite Isha prayers. I drank lots of alcohol and in this drunken state I fell asleep.

While I was asleep, I saw in my dream that it was the end of time. The dead were rising from their graves and forming groups. Just then I felt a movement behind me. I turned around to see a gigantic snake with its mouth open ready to attack me. With fright I started to run and the snake began to chase me. Just then, I saw the luminous face of a weak old man. I asked him for help but he replied, ‘I am too weak, I can not help you’. I then continued to run, with the snake still after me. Still running, I climbed a small hill. On the other side of the hill was a frightful blazing fire and many people were burning in it. I was about to fall in when a voice said: ‘Move back! You are not for this fire’.

I pulled myself back and started to run in the opposite direction with the snake still behind me. I met the same weak old man again. He started crying and said, 'Regretfully, I am too weak to help you. Look over there. The round mountain you see is where the Muslims keep their deposit. Go there and if you have a deposit then **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** you will be able to gain it back'. I reached the round mountain and saw that there were windows decorated with silk curtains and gold doors decorated with beads. The angels started to announce, 'Remove the curtains, open the doors, maybe this person has some deposit here which will save him from the snake.' The windows opened and many faces of Madanī children appeared. Amongst them was my late 2 year old daughter. Upon seeing me she started to cry out, 'I swear by Allāh **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! This is my father'. She then jumped and came to me and held my right hand with her left hand. On seeing this, the gigantic snake turned and fled. Now I could relax. My daughter sat in my lap and whilst stroking my beard recited the 16th verse of Sūrah Ḥadīd:

أَلَمْ يَأْنِ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْ تَخْشَعَ قُلُوبُهُمْ لِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَمَا نَزَلَ مِنَ الْحَقِّ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Imān

Has not the time come for the believers to surrender their hearts to
Allah's remembrance and for this truth that has come?

After hearing this verse from my lovely daughter, I began to cry. I asked her about the gigantic snake. She replied, 'He was your bad deeds that you are increasing continuously. Your bad

deeds in the form of the gigantic snake are about to take you into the Hellfire.’ I asked who the weak old man was. She said, ‘He was your pious deeds. Since you carry out very few good deeds, he was too weak to challenge your bad deeds.’ I asked, ‘What do you do on this mountain?’ She replied, ‘The Muslim children who have passed away wait here for the Day of Judgement. We wait for our parents so that when they arrive we can intercede on their behalf.’ When I awoke from my dream, I was deeply moved. **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** I repented sincerely for my sins. (*Rawḍ-ur-Riyāḥīn*, P91, Syria)

Dear Islamic Brothers! We can learn many lessons from this event. One of the lessons we learn is that when a person’s young child passes away, it is not at loss but a gain. The deceased daughter of Sayyidunā Mālik bin Dīnār **رَحِمَهُ اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ** came in his dream and changed him from a drunk and sinful person to a brightly shining star in the ranks of piety! The verse narrated in this incident that affected the heart is mentioned in Khazāin-ul-‘Irfān It is narrated by the mother of the believers, Sayyidatunā ‘Āishah Ṣiddīqah **رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهَا** that once the Prophet **صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** came out of His blessed home and saw that the Muslims were laughing amongst themselves. He said, ‘You are laughing! Safety has not yet come from Allāh **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** and this verse was revealed upon your laughter.’ The Muslims asked, ‘Yā Rasūlallāh **صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** what is the compensation for this laughter?’ He replied, ‘Cry as much.’ (*Tafsīr Khazāin-ul-‘Irfān*, *Sūrah Ḥadīd*, verse 16)

ندامت سے گناہوں کا ازالہ کچھ تو ہو جاتا
ہمیں رونا بھی تو آتا نہیں ہائے ندامت سے

*With regret would arise some reduction in our sins
Alas! Only if we could shed some tears of regret*

Verse of the Holy Qurān from a flute

Dear Islamic Brothers! Indeed, this verse is the Madanī solution to becoming pious. After listening to this verse, many people have had a Madanī transformation take place within their lives. Sayyidunā ‘Abdullāh bin Mubārak رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ says, “They were the days of my youth. My friends and I entered a park. I used to enjoy playing the flute and as soon as night fell, I picked up the flute to play it. And I heard this verse

أَلَمْ يَأْنِ لِلَّذِينَ (الخ)

coming from it! My heart was affected and I repented sincerely and vowed to never do anything that would take me away from my Lord عَزَّوَجَلَّ.” (Shu’abul Imān, Ḥadīṣ 7317, V5, P68, Dār-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah, Beirut)

Incident

You see! This verse became the means through which Sayyidunā ‘Abdullāh bin Mubārak رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ changed his ways and reached a very high status. Once when he رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ was going somewhere, he met a blind person. He رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ asked, ‘What is your wish?’

The blind man replied, 'I need eyesight'. Sayyidunā 'Abdullāh bin Mubārak رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ raised his hands and did prayed. Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ blessed the blind man with sight. (*Taẓkirah-tul-Auliya, VI, P167, Intishārāt-e-Ganjīnāh, Tehran*)

Incident

Sayyidunā Ismā'il Haqqī رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ says, "Sayyidunā Fuḍayl bin Ayāz رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ also became pious due to this verse. He was a famous robber of his time. He started having passionate feelings for a woman. She also agreed to participate in the sin. When he arrived to carry out the sin, he heard this verse. The condition of his heart changed. He رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ returned with tears in his eyes and wept in front of Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ and repented for his sins. He turned himself towards performing good deeds and carried out worship in Makkaḥ for a long time. And due to this he became a friend of Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ. (*Rūḥ -ul-Bayān, V9, P365, Dār Iḥyā-ut-Turāṣ-il-'Arabī, Beirut*)

Smiling upon the Death of his Son

Dear Islamic Brothers! No-one ever saw this great personality of the Chishtiyyāh spiritual chain smiling. When his son, Sayyidunā 'Ali bin Fuḍayl رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ, who was also of a high status passed away, Sayyidunā Fuḍayl bin Ayāz رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ began to smile'. Someone asked, 'Is this a happy time that you are smiling?' He replied, 'I am smiling upon the will of Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ since my son's death came by the will of Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ. I like whatever my Lord likes.' (*Mulakhkhaṣan Taẓkirah-tul-Auliya, VI, P86, Intishārāt-e-Ganjīnāh, Tehran*)

Do you wish to Become Pious?

Dear Islamic Brothers! Do you really wish to become pious? If you do then you must make some effort **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** I have written 72 Madanī In'āmāt for Islamic brothers and 63 Madanī In'āmāt for Islamic sisters which are in the form of questions and can be purchased from Maktaba-tul-Madīnah. Please read them and reflect. I pray that Allāh **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** grants those who whoever act upon these sincerely a place in Janna-tul-Firdaus next to His beloved Rasūl **صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم**.

اٰمِيْنَ بِحَاوِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْنَ **صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم**

Second Madanī In'ām

The Second Madanī In'ām (after the one for Intentions) for brothers is, 'Today did you perform the five daily Ṣalāh in the first row of the jamā'at (congregation) in the Masjid, and were you able to join in the first rak'ah' (Takbīr-e-Aulā)?' Dear Islamic Brothers! Even if you follow this one Madanī In 'ām with the right intention, **اِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** you will become successful. Who is not aware of the benefits of Ṣalāh?

All Minor Sins Forgiven

The Holy Prophet **صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم** has said, 'Whoever prays 2 rak'ah' of Ṣalāh and does not make any mistakes, Allāh **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** forgives his past sins'. (Minor sins are meant in this case).

(Musnad Imām Ahmad, Ḥadīṡ 21749, V8, P162, Dār-ul-Fikr, Beirut)

Excellence of Jamā'at (Congregation)

You see! If this is the benefit of 2 rak'ah', imagine the blessings of the five daily Ṣalāh! In the Second Madanī In 'ām, you are supposed to pray the daily Ṣalāh with Jamā'at and what can be said about the excellence of Jamā'at. It is stated in Muslim Sharīf that Sayyidunā 'Abdullāh ibn 'Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا said, 'The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'It is 27 times more rewarding to pray Ṣalāh with Jamā'at than on your own.' (Muslim Sharīf, VI, P231)

Excellence of Takbīr-e-Aulā

Takbīr-e-Aulā is also mentioned in this 'Madanī In 'ām. Listen to the excellence of this and rejoice. It is stated in Ibn-e- Mājah that the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'Whoever prays his Isha Ṣalāh in the Masjid with Jamā'at for 40 nights in such a manner that his first rak'ah' is read with Jamā'at, Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ writes that he is free from the fire of Hell.' (Ibn-e- Mājah, Ḥadīṣ 798, VI, P437, Dār-ul-Ma'rifaḥ, Beirut)

سُبْحَانَ اللهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ If this is the excellence of praying Isha Ṣalāh with Takbīr-e-Aulā with Jamā'at for 40 nights, what can be said about praying the 5 daily Ṣalāh with Takbīr-e-Aulā with Jamā'at for many years!

Reward of Ḥaj in Ṣalāh

The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'Whoever purifies himself and leaves his house for Farḍ Ṣalāh, his reward is like a

person who performed Haj in Ihram.’ (Abu Dāwūd Sharīf, Ḥadīṣ 558, VI, P231, Dār Iḥyā-ut-Turāṣ-ul-‘Arabī, Beirut)

Example of doing Ghusl five times in the Day

Sayyidunā Abu Ḥurairah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘Tell me, if someone has a stream flowing by his house and he does Ghusl (bathes) five times a day in that stream, will any dirt be left on him?’ People replied that no dirt would be left. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘The five times daily Ṣalāh is like this. Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ removes all his sins. (Muslim Sharīf, VI, P235, Ṭab’atuh Afghanistan)

Heavenly Feast

Dear Islamic Brothers! From this ‘Madanī In’ ām we find out that we should pray Ṣalāh in the Masjid and what can be said about going to the Masjid! Sayyidunā Abu Hurairah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that the beloved Rasūl of Allāh, the Mercy to the worlds, the best of creation صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, “Whoever goes to the Masjid in the morning or evening, Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ will prepare a feast in Heaven for him.” (Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim, VI, P235, Ṭab’atuh Afghanistan)

First Row

Praying in the first row is also included in this ‘Madanī In’ ām. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, ‘If people knew what was in the Azan and the first row they would not be able to achieve it drawing lots for it, therefore they would draw lots for it.’ (Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim, VI, P172, Ṭab’atuh Afghanistan) There is also

another narration which mentions that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “Allāh and His angels send Durūd (mercy) on the first row.” The companions asked, “What about the second row?” The Holy Prophet ﷺ replied, “Allāh and His angels send Durūd upon the first row.” The companions again asked, “What about the second row?” The Holy Prophet ﷺ replied, “And on the second row.” He added ‘Straighten your rows and join your shoulders (meaning stand shoulder to shoulder), soften yourselves against your brothers and fill the empty gaps because Satan moves within you like a baby lamb.” (*Musnad Imām Aḥmad, Ḥadīṣ 22326, V8, P296, Dār-ul-Fikr Beirut*)

Which Action is better?

Dear Islamic brothers! May be you will find my Madanī In’āmāt difficult but do not lose hope. It is stated in a Ḥadīṣ that the best action is the one which is difficult. Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm bin Adḥam عليه السلام states, “An action which seems the most difficult in this world will weigh the most on the scales on the Day of Judgement. (*Taḥkīrāh-tul-Auliya, V1, P95, Intishārāt-e-Ganjīnāh, Tehran*) Once you start acting upon a certain point, *إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ* it will become easier. You may have noticed that while performing Wuḍū on a very cold day, at first your teeth will chatter due to the cold, but once you actually start, you will find that you do not feel the cold as much. Every difficult action has the same principle. For example, when someone becomes seriously ill then he becomes stressed and the pain feels unbearable, but gradually he will find that he becomes accustomed to the pain and it

becomes more bearable. An Islamic brother became ill with sciatica. This illness usually starts from the ankles and reaches the joints of the calf. This continues for months and even years for some people. He became troubled by this. I said to him that Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ will make it better. Do not worry; when you become accustomed to it then Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ will increase your patience so that it is more bearable. When I met the brother after some time and asked him about his illness he replied that the pain is still there but has now become accustomed to it and it is bearable الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ. The Madanī In'āmāt bring us closer to Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ and improve our life in this world and the next. Indeed Satan will always attempt to stop us from becoming close to Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ but we must not lose hope. No matter how hard Satan and our ego attempt to misguide us, we should continue to act upon these Madanī In'āmāt.

سرورِ دیں! لیجئے اپنے ناتوانوں کی خبر
نفس و شیطان سدا کب تک دباتے جائیں گے

*Leader of Deen, guide the feeble, until when will we suffer under
the yoke of Satan & ego*

A way to Increase Madanī Work

If all the responsible brothers and sisters of Da'wat-e-Islāmī begin to accept and follow these Madanī In'āmāt, you will see that good actions and adherence to the Sunnah will become common. If you accept these Madanī In'āmāt and start to act upon them with full sincerity you will

see the blessings very soon. You will find peace in your heart and purity of the soul *إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ*. The fear of Allāh *عَزَّوَجَلَّ* and the love of the Prophet *صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ* will shine from your heart. *إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ* the Madanī work of Da'wat-e-Islāmī will spread rapidly in your area. Because acting upon the Madanī In'āmāt is a way to earn the pleasure of Allāh *عَزَّوَجَلَّ*, Satan will attempt to make you lazy and make you think of many excuses. At first it will be difficult for you to make your heart agree but you must not lose hope. *إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ* your heart will become accustomed to it.

اے رضا ہر کام کا اک وقت ہے

دل کو بھی آرام ہو ہی جائے گا

*There is a time for every deed O Raza
The heart will eventually find solace*

Three Types of People

Hujja-tul-Islam Imām Muḥammad Ghazālī *رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ* states in Kimiyā-e-Sa'adat that Sayyidunā Abu 'Uṣmān Maghribī *رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ* was asked by his disciple, "Sometimes, without the heart being conscious of it, I continue to perform Ṣikr of Allāh." He *رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ* replied, "You should thank Allāh *عَزَّوَجَلَّ* that at least He *عَزَّوَجَلَّ* has granted your tongue the chance to praise Him. Whoever does not praise Allāh *عَزَّوَجَلَّ* from the heart, Satan will put evil thoughts into that person's mind i.e. what is the point of doing this Ṣikr when your heart is not focused? Why don't you just be silent because doing this kind of Ṣikr is disrespectful?" Imām

Ghazālī رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ says that there are three types of response to this whisper. One of these types would say to Satan, “Thank you for reminding me. To silence you I will focus with my heart as well” and in this way they put salt in the wounds of Satan. Then there are those unfortunate people who would reply, “You are right, what is the point of moving my tongue when my heart is not focused” and they will stop doing the Ṣikr of Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ. These foolish people think that they have done something clever although they have taken Satan as their sympathiser and have been fooled by him. The third type of response from some people would be “although I am unable to pay attention with my heart, at least keeping the tongue busy in doing the Ṣikr of Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ is better then staying silent”. However, doing the Ṣikr of Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ from the heart is better then this type of Ṣikr. (*Kīmīyā-e-Sa’ādat*, V2, P771, *Intishārāt-e-Ganjīnāh*)

Excellence of Repenting

Dear Islamic brothers! Did you see? Even if our heart is not focused on something, continuing the action is still better for us. Anyway, I have presented the “Method of Becoming Pious” therefore keep on acting according to it. إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ one day we will certainly reach our destination. One Madanī In’ām encourages a person to pray 2 rak’ah’ of Ṣalāh for repentance daily and to ask for forgiveness from your sins. Repenting pleases Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ and is the best Method of Becoming Pious. As soon as a sin is committed you should ask for forgiveness straight away. Let me tell you the benefits of repentance. The Holy Prophet

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, ‘The person who repents after committing a sin, it is as if he never committed that sin.’ (Ibn-e-Mājah, Ḥadīṣ, 4250, V4, P491, Dār-ul-Ma’rifah Beirut)

To become pious you should remain attached to the Madanī environment of Da’wat-e-Islāmī. Participate in the weekly Ijtimā’ from start to finish. Every Islamic brother should try to travel with the lovers of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in the Madanī Qāfilah of Da’wat-e-Islāmī for 12 months, once in his lifetime, 30 days in every 12 months and at least 3 days in every month.

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